

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated January 24, 2007, and Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 4-9 are currently pending, with claims 4, 7, and 9 being independent.

Claims 4-6 are amended. Claim 9 have been added.

No new matters have been added.

Telephone Interview

Examiner Li is thanked for the courtesy of conducting a telephonic interview on September 27, 2007 with Tomoko Nakajima. During the interview, it was confirmed that claims 1-3 were canceled by the Article 34 Amendment, and only claims 4-8 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §101, §112, and §102(b)

All rejections are made to claims 1-3. As stated above, the pending claims in this application are claims 4-9. Therefore, the rejections should be withdrawn.

However, during the phone conference, Examiner Li kindly suggested the same rejection of 35 U.S.C. §112 would be applied to the pending claims. Accordingly, claims 4-6 are amended and claim 9 have been added. No new matters have been entered.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SAE-0036 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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